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RE: DA 03-3669
Comments of Harris Corporation in response to MariTEL, Inc. Proposal to Serve
as AIS Frequency Coordinator

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Harris Corporation hereby submits its Comments in the above-captioned proceeding.
In accordance with the Commission's instructions in its November 19, 2003 Public Notice,
copies of this filing are being simultaneously delivered to Qualex International, Inc., Maria
Ringold, Tim Maguire, and Jeffrey Tobias.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the
undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Kenniasty

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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
Proposal by MariTEL, Inc. to)	DA 03-3669
Serve as Automatic Identification System)	
Frequency Coordinator)	

COMMENTS OF HARRIS CORPORATION

Harris Corporation ("Harris") is pleased to provide its comments in response to the Commission's November 19, 2003 Public Notice regarding the proposal by MariTEL, Inc. ("MariTEL") to serve as the Automatic Identification System (AIS) frequency coordinator.¹

Harris supports MariTEL's proposal to become the AIS frequency coordinator. As the exclusive licensee for VHF Public Coast Service Areas 1-9, MariTEL is in a unique position to provide knowledgeable and practical frequency coordination. This service would indeed benefit both the U.S. Coast Guard and the public mariner. More importantly, this proposal could help break an impasse that has prevented our country from moving forward in an area which has profound implications in terms of Homeland Security.

As a major contractor to the United States government, as well as a telecommunications equipment provider, Harris has a strong interest in seeing any and all frequency issues resolved quickly and fairly so that progress can be made in the provision of goods and services dependent upon our precious spectrum. MariTEL's proposal appears to be a workable compromise which provides the needed maritime VHF channels 87B and 88B for nationwide AIS use while suitably recognizing MariTEL's frequency rights and responsibilities pursuant to Section 80.371 of the Commission's rules.

For the reasons set forth above, Harris recommends that the Commission approve the MariTEL proposal in full.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on MariTEL, Inc. Proposal to Serve as Automatic Identification System (AIS) Frequency Coordinator*, Public Notice, DA 03-3669 (rel. Nov. 19, 2003).

, David O'Connor certify that the FCC Registration Number (FRN) listed below is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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